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Subject: Alfred SORTER--15 April 1948--Telegram sent to Geneva, Switzerland, International 138, signed BARBU (the signer of this telegram is probably BARBU NICULESCU, private secretary to General NICOLAE RADESCU.

P. 16--Confidential Informant T-3 advised the Bureau on May 11, 1948 that he had received information that among the members of the Board of Directors of the Roumanian-American Economic Corporation are VIORED TILEA and GRIGORE GAFENCU, former Rumanian Foreign Minister. BRUTUS COSTE, a former Rumanian diplomat and close associate of General Nicolae RADESCU, allegedly receives \$250.00 monthly from the corporation for having prepared reports on conditions in Rumania. Confidential Informant T-3 stated that MALAXA is financing General RADESCU in his attempt to organize his own Rumanian resistance movement. In return, RADESCU has supported MALAXA's request for an extension of his United States visa.

P. 17--Informant stated that MALAXA had converted DAVILA and General NICOLAI RADESCU to his plan for a strong Rumanian resistance movement, in opposition to GREGOU BUZESTI, a member of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Peasant Party, MALAXA, through DAVILA and RADESCU, was trying to gain control of the Rumanian Peasant Party resistance movement in the United States.

P. 32-3--... in an article appearing recently in the 'Curierul Roman,' anti-Government Rumanian periodical published in France, General RADESCU is quoted as having promised MIRCEA ELIAD that

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he would arrange for several scholarships to be given to meritorious Rumanian students in France. It is further reported that upon the General's return to France from New York, he informed ELIAD that scholarships of 6,000 francs per month each had been granted for twenty students, to be recommended by the 'Association of Rumanian Students in France,' headed by Sorin Sonea. . .

P. 33—Mr. TILEA stated that at this time he is able to carry on his activities in the "Free Rumania Movement" unaided by outside financial assistance, and that he feels that he will continue to be able to associate with his collaborators in the "Free Rumania Movement" without seeking any financial assistance from any outside source. He indicated, however, that other members of this Movement, namely, General RADESCU and Mr. Charles DAVILA, are not so financially well off. . .

P. 38—Vespasian PELLA (Rumanian Representative to the United Nations) also stated that MALAXA is helping General RADESCU and by so doing he has antagonized the other Rumanian groups in the United States. . .

P. 39—Confidential Informant T-10 stated that General Nicolai RADESCU, former Premier of Rumania, is a loyal Rumanian, but due to his advanced age he has become rather senile. Informant explained the apparent friendship between RADESCU and MALAXA by stating that RADESCU has been receiving money from MALAXA. . .

P. 64—Confidential Informant T-12 stated that after the Germans were driven from Rumania MALAXA was again placed in full control of his factories. Informant could not explain why RADESCU and other loyal Rumanians permitted this to happen, except to say that they were apparently willing to forget MALAXA's past activities in the interests of rebuilding Rumanian economy. . .

P. 69—Confidential Informant T-14 stated that he believed General RADESCU only accepts money from MALAXA in order to send it to the Rumanian refugees in Paris. He stated he has heard that MALAXA has recently diminished his contributions for these refugees. . .

P. 78—(Re Seizure of MALAXA's pipe factory by the Russians): MALAXA then went to see General RADESCU, the Rumanian Prime Minister. He promised to do all that he could but suggested that MALAXA might be able to bribe somebody. . .

P. 87-8—Both CRETZIANU and VISOLIANU are very much opposed to the formation of the Rumanian National Committee of Liberation headed by General RADESCU, because they feel that if such a committee is formed they will have to put the \$500,000 at the disposal of the Committee.

MALAXA stated that VISOLIANU and CRETZIANU are fighting him and spreading false information about him because they know that he, MALAXA, is backing RADESCU. According to MALAXA, these two individuals would do anything in their power to force him to leave the United States, thereby removing RADESCU's financial support. . .

P. 89-90—MALAXA stated that ZAHARIA was a childhood friend of MANOILESCU, a well-known Iron Guardist and pro-German Rumanian. . . (ZAHARIA) has always been very pro-American and pro-British. In order to prove this point MALAXA pointed out that ZAHARIA is a very good friend of Nicolai RADESCU. . .

P. 90—(MALAXA) stated it is entirely possible that General RADESCU has established  
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these scholarships with money which he, MALAXA, has given to him. However, he repeated that he knows nothing about these scholarships and he never questions RADESCU about what he does with the money he gives him. . . MALAXA stated that he has been giving money to General RADESCU, Viorel TILIA and several other Rumanians whose names he cannot remember but that he does not concern himself with what they do with this money. . .

P. 92—MALAXA exhibited a copy of a letter from General Nicolai RADESCU to the Secretary of State, dated August 16, 1948. This letter deals with the denial of an extension of MALAXA's visa and General RADESCU states, "I have repeatedly asked that this stay be granted as this gentleman's work, is of great value to us." RADESCU asked for consideration for MALAXA, both as a political refugee and as a displaced person. He pointed out that MALAXA had just had a major operation and had not completely recovered. RADESCU stated that MALAXA is the only Rumanian who has effectively helped and is still helping his displaced countrymen. RADESCU also states that MALAXA has placed himself at his disposal in his fight against Communism and has helped RADESCU to organize a resistance movement in Rumania against the Communist rule. . .

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